



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR DISEASE SURVEILLANCE

ISDS Webinar Report

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) & Ebola

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2015 from 4:00 – 5:00pm EST

Title: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) & Ebola

Presenter(s):

Todd Stout and Alex Garza, MD, MPH

ISDS Contact: Brooke Evans; bevans@syndromic.org

Description:

The 2014 Ebola epidemic is the largest in history, affecting multiple countries in West Africa and beyond. EMS providers have to be prepared to treat or transport suspected or known Ebola patients. Join FirstWatch President and long-time advocate for the value of EMS data for public health surveillance, Todd Stout and former Chief Medical Officer for the US Department of Homeland Security, Alex Garza, MD, MPH as they discuss how EMS services in the USA and Canada responded to the threat of Ebola.

This presentation will focus on two main areas affecting EMS providers and their public health partners:

EMS Agency Ebola information sharing and best practices development

- Lessons learned from all of the North American EMS agencies that have transported patients with confirmed Ebola (Dallas, Omaha, Grady/Atlanta, NYC & AMR)

EMS data surveillance approaches

- Call-Taking/Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) and electronic Patient Care Records (ePCR)

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this webinar, participants will..

1. Learn EMS-specific best practices & recommendations for treatment and transport of suspected or confirmed Ebola patients shared by EMS Agencies with Ebola patient transport experience
2. Learn what EMS-Specific online resources are available, for Ebola and future emerging infectious diseases to share with your local EMS partners
3. Learn specific, working approaches to EMS data surveillance for Ebola patients

4. Learn the applicability of this approach to influenza surveillance and future emerging infectious disease outbreaks

Slides and recording:

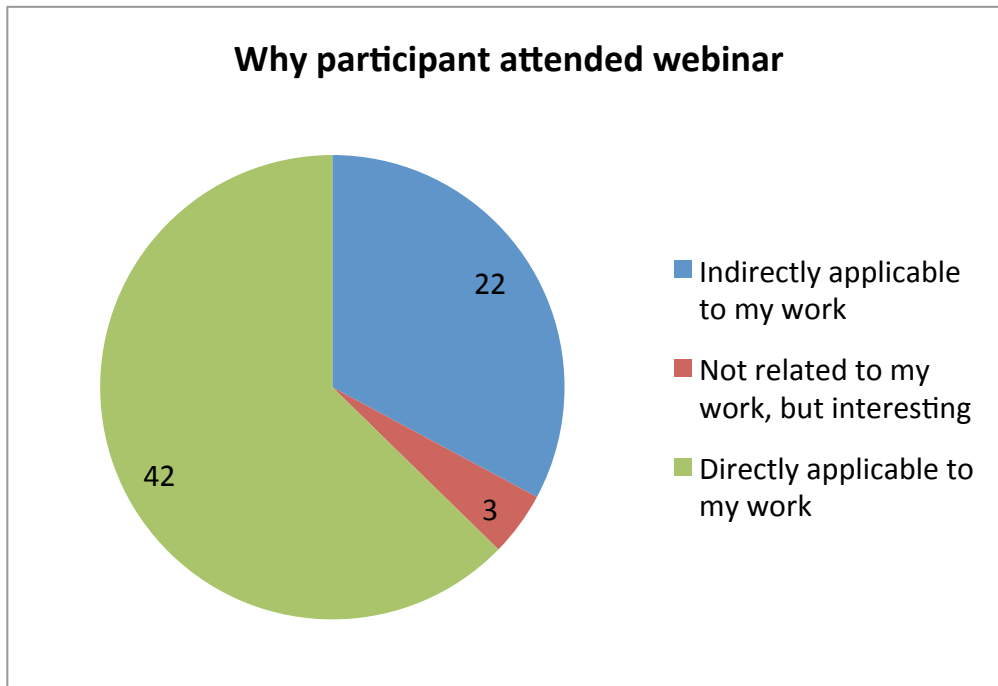
Available at: <http://www.syndromic.org/component/content/article/43/870>

Attendance:

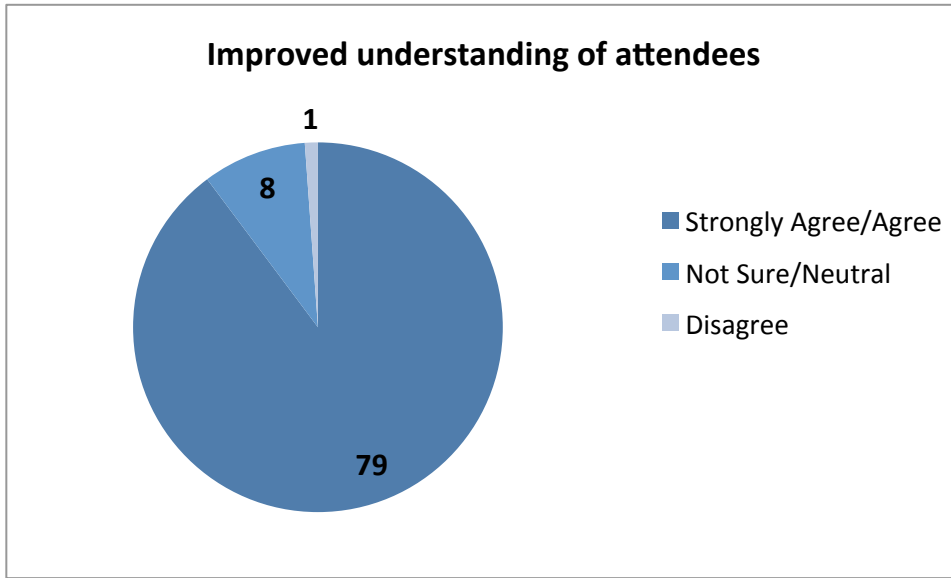
	Number of People
ISDS Sent Announcement via E-mail	2291
Opened Announcement	583 (27.5%)
Clicked on Announcement Email (percentage based on # of opens)	101 (17.3%)
Registered for webinar (percentage based on # emails sent)	236 (10.3%)
Attended (percentage based on # of registrants)	151 (63.9%)
Completed Exit Survey (percentage based on # of attendees)	69 (45.6%)

Post-Webinar Survey:

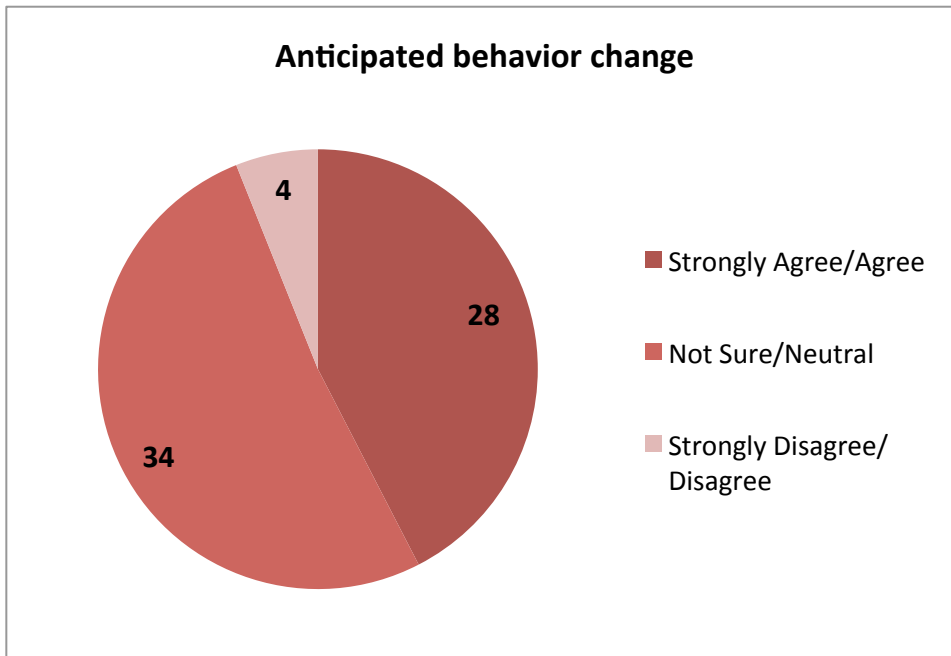
1. *I attended this webinar because the topic is: (check all that apply)*



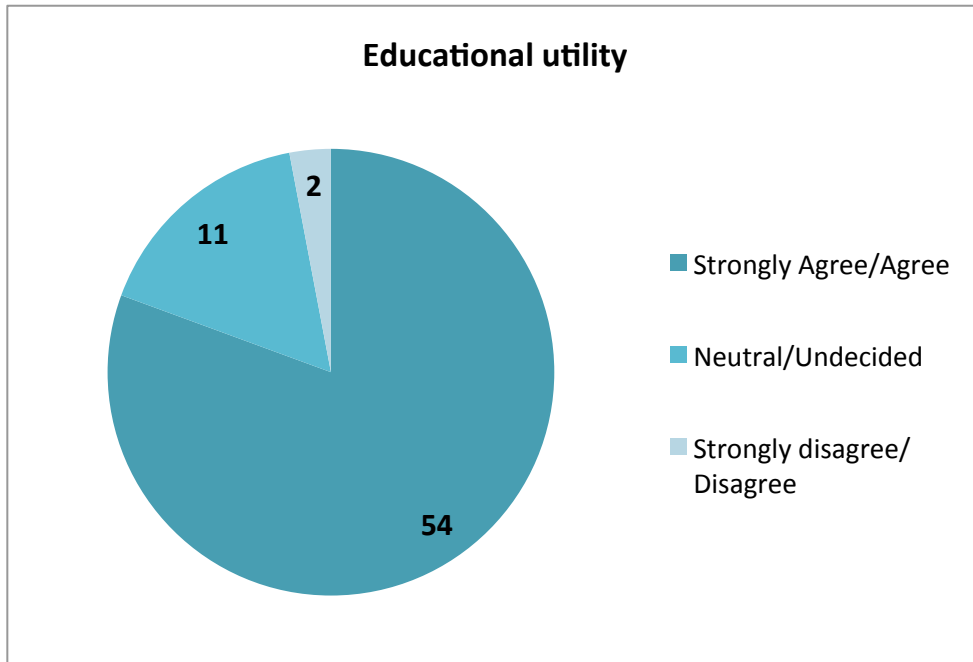
2. *I feel I have a better awareness and understanding of the webinar topic.*



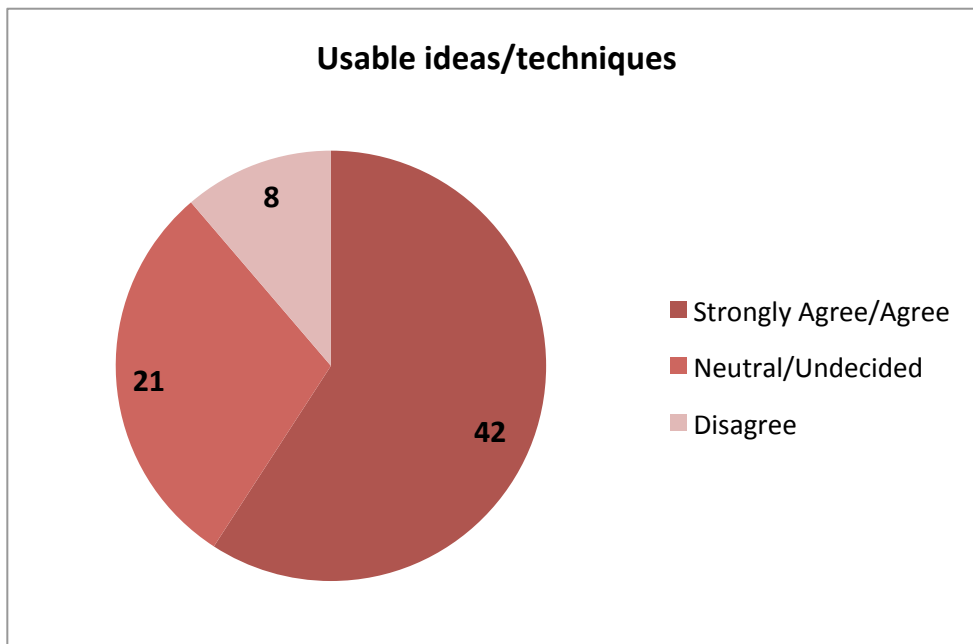
3. *I will consider changing how I do something as a result of this webinar.*



4. *This webinar met my expectations as an educational experience.*



5. *This webinar provided usable ideas and/or techniques that I can integrate into my practice/research.*



7. Are you seeking CPH credit for this webinar?

Yes – 19 attendees; **No** – 49 attendees